THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (d) The Second National Commission on Labour has recommended an Umbrella Legislation for the unorganised sector. Government is bringing a Bill in the current Budget Session of Parliament to that effect. While considering the social security measures for this sector, pension will be an important part of the scheme.

Charter of Demands by AINPEF

1021. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India News Paper Employees Federation has submitted a Charter of demands for wage revision in view of worse economic conditions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to negotiate in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) The All India News Paper Employees Federation (AINPEF) have recently submitted a copy of the Charter of Demands, which they served on the employers' organisations *viz.* Indian Newspapers Society and the Indian Language Newspapers Association. The Charter of Demand includes revision of wages w.e.f. 1st January, 2003, fitment, new groupings, DA, HRA, CCA, night shift allowance, transport allowance, LTC, medical allowance, pension, etc. for working journalists and non-journalists in the newspaper industry.

(c) The Manisana Wage Boards set up by the Government on 2.9.94 under the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Condition of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 submitted their recommendations on 25.7.2000. The Government accepted these recommendations with slight modification and notified them *vide* Orders dated 5.12.2000 and 15.12.2000. Since the recommendations of the Manisana Wage Boards have been accepted recently these would remain in force until the Award of the next Wage Board. The constitution of the next Wage Board is, therefore, not a point for action for the present.

As regards the Charter of Demands, the AINPEF may approach the appropriate Government (*i.e.* State Government under the said Act) for mediation if the parties fail to settle the matter.

Job opportunities in Ninth Plan

†1022. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for creation of new opportunities of employment during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the area-wise target of the additional opportunities of employment set to be created;

(c) whether the targets of creating employment opportunities in these areas were achieved; and

(d) if not, the areas where new employment opportunities were created indicating the area-wise number of the job opportunities created and the number of unemployed persons by the end of 2002 in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The Planning Commission had projected annual employment growth on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) basis at 2.44% during the Ninth Plan (1997—02) period.

(b) Area-wise projection of employment was not made in the Ninth Plan.

(c) and (d) As per the estimates available from labour force surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, employment has grown at the rate of approximately 1.00% per annum during 1994—2000. The total number of unemployed person during 1999-2000 was of the order of 9 million.

Skilled and Unskilled Labourers

†1023. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.